Dr A. Woodward.

Franklin Conn.
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My Dear Sir

I have seen your Aunt I think as many as four times in relation to the Old Robinson Estate Papers - She has always told me that she had never seen any such Papers nor did she believe that they were in being in Lebanon -

I finally asked her if she was willing that I should be present and aſsist in making a further examination - to this she with some reluctance consented and a time was fixed for the search - I then concluded that I had gained an important point - But instead of finding valuable old Papers as I had partially anticipated she only brought forward for my inspection a basket of old worthleſs papers which had evidently been set aside for the paper makers - I found some old letters with the signatures effaced or torn off which would of course detract greatly from their value - Other letters I found as

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I forward them to you – meaning in the same condition —

I enclose a few old papers, some of which may interest you – Those which you most desire I have not discovered as yet — the Old Lady declares that none are here – Mr. Hebard thinks that the very papers you are in search of may be at Lebanon with your Aunt.

I hardly know what to believe – If the Old Lady is correct they are not here – She seems willing to gratify you —

If you can devise any new plan to obtain the lost information I shall be most happy to serve you in any way you may desire – I hope you will feel no backwardness in seekind or asking further aid thro me —

Mean time I am very
truly yours
Ashbel Woodward

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